

# JURORS SERVE TOO FREQUENTLY

## Radical Changes in Personnel of Men Aimed at in Bill Presented by Mr. Bishop

### A MUCH LARGER PANEL ADVOCATED,

#### Or One in Ten of the Population—Mention of One Jury which Served Continuously from January to June—Present Small Number of Jurymen Keep them Serving in Some Court Most of the Time.

Hartford, April 15.—Radical changes in the personnel of the men who sit in the courts of Connecticut are aimed at in a bill presented by Representative Bishop of New Haven, entitled an act concerning the selection and drawing of jurors and the duties of jury commissioners.

"Professional Jurymen." Representative Bishop favored the measure on the ground that the same jurors are found too frequently serving, that they can tell the history of most of the important cases which have been in the courts for the past thirty years, and that they call many of the court officials by their first names and are practically professional jurymen. The proposed bill would allow for the impaneling of a much larger number of jurymen, or one in ten of the population. Mr. Bishop did not insist that the number be increased to one in ten, for instance, there are only 630 jurymen, and in Hartford county there are only 600. He thought that there should be a great many more and thought that 4,800 men to choose from would improve the conditions greatly.

Continuous Service. The bill further provides that the clerk must select those who have served for the three years last past and that these men be not allowed to serve again until three years have elapsed. The bill further provides that the jury service should not be regarded as a means of obtaining a livelihood, but as a public duty, such as is military service. The bill further provides that jurymen cannot begin a new case after they have been on a jury four weeks. He stated that he knew of one jury which had served continuously from January to June.

Representative Abner Hayes brought

FURNISHED BAIL FOR LOVER, THEN MARRIED HIM.

Was in Jail Charged With Intent to Kill Her.

Providence, R. I., April 15.—Miss Christina Palmer, an Italian, 26 years of age, was married today to Camillo De Santis, a year her senior, who on March 8 last shot and wounded her during a fit of jealousy. She recently was in the hospital in order to marry the young man, who was held at the Cranston jail because of his inability to furnish bail of \$4,000 on charges of assault with intent to kill. Miss Palmer secured a reduction of the bonds to \$1,000 and then furnished the securities necessary for her release. The marriage ceremony was performed by the same justice who reduced De Santis' bail. Judge C. E. Lee of the superior court.

The charge of De Santis probably will not be prosecuted. Miss Palmer was the only witness to the affair, and since her marriage to the defendant she will be compelled to testify against him.

### COURT UPHOLDS NEW HAVEN

Question of Guaranteeing of Subsidiary Company Shares Decided.

New Haven, April 15.—No error has been found by the supreme court of errors in the case against the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad in the action brought by holders of preferred stock of the New England Investment and Security company to require the railroad company to place upon the certificates of the investment and security company the guaranty of the New Haven railroad company, in accordance with the agreement. The company claimed the Massachusetts law in bar of the action. The court below granted a summary judgment in favor of the railroad company. The supreme court now holds "no error."

On the face of the decision the court holds that the New York, New Haven & Hartford has the right to exercise its corporate powers granted by the general assembly of Connecticut in spite of the circumstances that under the Massachusetts law the corporation would be ultra vires. The practical effect of such decision appears to be that the highest court of Connecticut is in antagonism on the question of law to the supreme court of Massachusetts. The decision is written by Chief Justice Baldwin.

### P. MARION CRAWFORD'S WILL

Filed With Surrogate in New York—\$10,000 to His Wife.

New York, April 15.—The will of P. Marion Crawford, the novelist, who died in Italy, was lawfully admitted to probate here today on behalf of Arthur Terry, the brother of the testator, who is appointed his executor. The value of the estate was not indicated. Mr. Crawford leaves \$10,000 to his wife, Elizabeth C. Crawford, saying that she has been amply provided for by the will of her father, Gen. Henry Borden. The residue of the estate is left in trust to his brother to pay the income to his two sons and his two daughters who reside at Sorrento, until they reach the age of 25, when the principal is to be equally divided between them.

### OBITUARY.

Alden P. Jacques. Haverhill, Mass., April 15.—Believing that he could not live much longer owing to his illness from hardening of the arteries, and apparently wishing to end his suffering, Alden P. Jacques, a leading citizen of Haverhill, shot and killed himself at his home today. He arrived home only last night from California, where he had spent the winter. Mr. Jacques, who was born at Bowdoin, Maine, in 1835, became widely known by his introduction of the use of steam power in shoe manufacturing. He had served in both branches of the legislature and the city government. He leaves a widow and one son.

### Amalgamated Copper Dividend.

New York, April 15.—The Amalgamated Copper company today declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share, the same as the last preceding quarterly dividend.

### Cabled Paragraphs

Rio Janeiro, April 15.—The Brazilian government has concluded permanent arbitration treaties, during the past week, with the United States, France, Portugal, Spain and Mexico.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—The foreign office has asked the war office to send troops immediately to Astrabad, Persia, to prevent a threatened massacre. Three Russian gunboats have arrived in the harbor of Astrabad.

Newmarket, Eng., April 15.—The Granby plate of 200 sovereigns for two year olds, distance four furlongs, was run here today, and was won by H. P. Whitney's Overlight. King Edward's Vain Air was second and Sol Jodel's Split, third. Thirteen horses ran.

St. Petersburg, April 15.—Orders have been received to dissolve the general court martial which has been sitting for several months past to dispose of cases connected with the Baltic insurrection of 1906-08 as soon as a case now before it is concluded. Future trials resulting from this movement will be handled by the regular courts.

London, April 15.—No news has been received of Belamy, the French aviator, who went up in a balloon from the Crystal Palace three days ago, over the mouth of the Thames, after which it disappeared in the clouds over the North Sea. It is hoped that he will be rescued, but it is now believed that he has been lost.

Rome, April 15.—The American visitors to Rome are so numerous that Mr. Kennedy, rector of the American college, is presenting about fifty of them daily to the pope. For the jubilee of the American students on that occasion.

HEAVY DEATH RATE.

Norwich Had 45 During the Month of March, While Throughout the State There Were Many.

By mortality reports received by the state board of health there were 1,562 deaths during the month of March. This was 251 more than in February, and 106 more than in March of last year.

The death rate was 17.9 for the largest town, the small town 18.3, and for the whole state 18.2. The deaths reported from infectious diseases were 356, being 16.5 per cent of the total mortality.

In Norwich there were 45, representing an annual death rate of 21.2. There were 12 deaths under five years. Death resulted from the following causes: Heart disease, 10; pneumonia, 10; influenza, 10; diphtheria, 10; scarlet fever, 3 of diphtheria.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

Third Company Will Have the Hopkins & Allen Company Team as Opponents.

On Thursday evening there was a regular drill of the Third company at the armory and musician Chase was presented a Purcell watch by the metal used in their manufacture being from one of the guns captured at the island.

The company has received an acceptance to their challenge from the Hopkins & Allen Arms company rifle team and it is expected that the shot will take place within the next few days. Teams of six men each will meet at the indoor range for honors, there being no handicap because of the difference in the number of men with interest as there are crack shots in both teams.

Tonight both of the local companies will attend the campfire of Sedgwick post.

### REFRIGERATING PLANT.

Allan-Beeman Co. Started Machinery for First Time on Thursday—Will Be Running by Sunday.

The installation of the machinery for the refrigerating plant of the Allan-Beeman Co. in Commerce street has been completed and the current was turned on Thursday afternoon, setting in motion all the machinery for the first time. Everything is now in operation and the refrigerating plant will be running by Sunday. It is expected, it being possible to run part of it now, but the entire plant will be ready for operation by Sunday.

Electric power is used and a fine switchboard has been installed.

### COURT SACHEM WHIST.

Thirty-seven Tables Played and Prizes Awarded.

Court Sagem, No. 94, Order of Foresters, scored one of their biggest social hits Thursday evening in a whist party given in Foresters' hall, where 37 tables were played, prizes were awarded as follows: First, Joseph Sullivan, an umbrella; Miss Margaret Reynolds, a hat and belt; Miss Mary Sullivan, a hat and belt; consolation to Mr. Desmond and Miss Clark.

Cake and ice cream were served by the committee in charge, which included Joseph Portenale, Robert McBride, Frank Sylvia, Robert McKern and Thomas Kennedy.

A short business meeting was held before the whist, at which three applications were received.

### GOING WITH CIRCUS.

William P. Potter Leaves Next Week and Will Play With Wallace and Hagenbach's Show.

William P. Potter returned on Thursday from Baltimore, where he has been spending a week after playing in New York a week in vaudeville. Monday he left for his home in New York, Ind., where he joins the Wallace and Hagenbach's big circus, with which he will play this summer. He has made a success of his line of work with the big circuses and is in demand with his act.

### Frank T. Brown's Condition.

It was stated on Thursday evening that Frank T. Brown's condition remains about the same. He is ill with pneumonia, and the doctor says he is doing as well as could be expected.

### \$1,000,000 Gas Plant for Providence.

Providence, R. I., April 15.—The announcement of awarding of contracts for the erection of a million dollar gas plant on Sassafras Point, in this city, was made today by President J. W. Ellis of the Providence Gas company.

### Patent Treaty With Germany.

Washington, April 15.—The senate today ratified a new patent treaty between the United States and Germany, which was agreed to yesterday by the committee on foreign relations.

# Yale-Harvard Varsity Race

## AGREEMENT BETWEEN ATHLETIC MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

### UP STREAM, JULY 1, 6 P. M.

Races This Year, Barring Postponement, Will Occupy But One Day—Third Judge an Innovation.

Cambridge, Mass., April 15.—An agreement between the athletic management of Harvard and Yale over the annual regatta, which will be held this year on July 1, was announced tonight. The agreement is a most comprehensive article, covering apparently every contingency likely to demand decision. The races this year, unless a postponement is necessary, will occupy but one day, instead of the usual two.

Schedule of the Several Races. After a statement fixing the date of the regatta as July 1, the agreement outlines in full the schedule of the several races. The big race, that between the varsity crews, will be rowed upstream at 6 p. m. Should a delay be necessary, it may be rowed any time before 7 p. m., at which time it will be postponed until the next day. In case of a postponement the race will be rowed down stream. The course is between the railroad bridge and the beginning of the so-called "four-mile course."

The varsity four oared race is the first on the day's programme, starting at 10 a. m. from the beginning of the four-mile course. The freshmen eight-oared event will start immediately after the course is set from the head of the river to the city.

If Either Crew Should Become Disabled. It is provided that should either crew become disabled through accident during the first half-mile, the race will be started over. A third judge will be an innovation this year.

YOUNG TURKS TO MARCH ON CONSTANTINOPLE. Twenty Battalions of Third Army Corps Have Been Mobilized.

Belin, April 15.—A special despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Saloniki says that after a mass meeting which decided to march on Constantinople against the charges which have been made in the Turkish cabinet, the Young Turk committee decided to mobilize 20 battalions of the Third army corps, which consist of 10,000 volunteers. All business is at a standstill throughout the city.

Marines Lynch Turkish Battleship Commander. Constantinople, April 15.—The third day of the revolutionary movement in the capital was marked by some disorders, the most serious of which was a demonstration by marines who objected to the arrest of a Turkish officer, Vice Admiral Adjemian Pasha. The marines gathered in force and seized and conveyed to the palace, Arif Bey, a member of the committee of union and progress, who ordered his guns trained on the Yildiz Kiosk when the rising was at its height, with the intention of supporting the coup.

Arrived at the Yildiz Kiosk, the men lynched Arif Bey, notwithstanding the efforts of the palace guard to save him.

TARIFF BILL IN SENATE. Amendment by Senator Bailey Placing Tax Upon Imports.

Washington, April 15.—Shortly after the senate met today it agreed to a resolution of the house of representatives to amend the tariff bill by placing a tax upon imports of goods of the value of \$100,000 or more.

The president's message looking to a revision of the Philippine tariff so that the tariff on goods of the value of \$100,000 or more should be placed on the free list of the products of the islands, and the same time. In view of practical free trade with the United States sufficient revenue has been provided, was laid before the senate and referred to the committee on the Philippines.

Senator Bailey introduced an amendment placing a tax of 3 per cent, upon incomes of over \$5,000 annually, which he said would provide a revenue of \$50,000,000 to \$80,000,000 annually. Senator Aldrich announced that he would speak upon the tariff bill next Monday. The senate adjourned until that time.

Vale Sheffield Scientific Junior Slightly Burned.

New Haven, Conn., April 15.—C. D. Winslow of New York city, a Yale Sheffield Scientific junior, was slightly burned by fire in his room in the Clowier annex tonight. Winslow's room was with John Hays Hammond, Jr., who was asleep and was awakened by the fire. He could not make his escape and was slightly burned. Hammond was not in the room at the time. The fire was confined to the one room and did about \$1,000 damage.

\$5,000 Metropolitan Handicap.

New York, April 15.—The Metropolitan handicap, the first of the season's big races, will be worth \$5,000 this year and will be run at hereafter. Horsemen were pleased when they heard the news tonight, because they had expected that it would be much less than this in view of the anti-betting law and the consequent slump in attendance at the race tracks.

Suicide on Battery Park Bench.

New York, April 15.—Charles A. Barnes, formerly a merchant of Akron, O., shot and killed himself tonight while sitting on a bench in Battery park. The loss of what had once been a comfortable fortune seems to have been the motive for the suicide.

Mount Etina and Stromboli Active.

Paris, April 15.—A despatch received here from Naples says that Mount Etina is in eruption and that showers of clinders have fallen on Catania. Many of the inhabitants the despatch says have fled from the city. It is asserted, also, that Stromboli is active.

Stonington.—A pair of handsome heavy brass door knockers were presented Calvary church on Easter day by Robert L. Butch and used for the service. They are inscribed as follows: "In loving memory of Margaret Elizabeth Butch, wife of George Warren Butch. At Rest, Jan. 2, 1904."

# Plea for Help From Prison Ship

## BOTTLE WITH MESSAGE WASHED UP ON SHORE.

### DENVER GIRL LURED ON BOARD

A Ship at San Francisco by Man Who Offered to Guide Her to a Boarding House.

Oakland, Cal., April 15.—After drifting for weeks in the Pacific ocean, a message purporting to tell the plight of Rosaline Rockayn, a Denver girl, who came to this city last month and who was drugged and carried out to sea by a man who had offered her his services as guide to a boarding house, was washed up on the beach yesterday. The paper was contained in a bottle which the girl threw from the cabin port hole of her prison ship, trusting that ship's appeal would reach someone who would inform her relatives and bring about her release.

Message Found in Bottle. The message is headed: "Pacific Ocean, March 13, 1909." It begins: "I cast this bottle overboard with the hope that it will be found. I arrived from the east Thursday and I was a stranger to San Francisco. I did not know where to find the main part of the city. A gentleman, as I supposed at that time, met me on the waterfront and asked me if I would look for someone."

Continuing, the message tells of the kind offer of this man to see the girl safely housed, of his success in persuading her to come aboard a ship to wait until he should be at liberty to go with her, of drugged wine and of a deep sleep from which she awoke to find herself a prisoner aboard the vessel far out at sea. The last paragraph reads:

If you can read this please notify my brother, Mr. Rosaline Rockayn, who wants him to try to find her. I don't know the name of the ship. He is coming back. I wish I could jump overboard and I would all be over. Please write to Ned Rockayn, Denver, Col. This ship is rolling and I am sick. ROSALINE ROCKAYN.

Police Convinced This is No Hoax. The writing of the message is that of a woman and it was evidently written by a person laboring under great excitement. There is no mark on the bottle or paper that would serve to determine the ability of every effort to determine the name of the vessel is being made as the police are convinced that the pathetic cry from the sea is not a hoax. An effort to locate the family in Denver is being made through the police of that city.

May Be Japanese Girl. Denver, April 15.—The police here do not know Rosaline Rockayn, and they believe she may be a Japanese girl for whom search was made in this city several weeks ago. At that time it was reported that the young woman was in Chicago and was being held by a Japanese man. People interested in the case said that plans had been made to take the new woman to San Francisco.

NEW ENGLAND FRESHETS CAUSE GREAT DAMAGE. Railroads Flooded, Trains Held Up, Factories Forced to Close.

Boston, April 15.—Swollen by the heavy rain of yesterday and today, and by the melting of the lingering remnants of the winter's snow on the northern hillsides, all the streams of New England are now in flood. Properties today, and some of them caused much damage.

Railroads tracks were flooded, roadbeds washed out, culverts carried away, trains held up, and factories forced by high water to shut down in various parts of northern New England. The worst case was reported in Vermont and New Hampshire, around the headwaters of the Connecticut, Merrimack and Androscoggin rivers.

Some apprehension as to the rapid rise of the water was felt also at points along the lower reaches of these rivers, where great industrial plants are located, but the water seemed to have reached its highest stage, and rivermen thought that tomorrow would see a falling off in water depth.

At Holyoke in the Connecticut river the water this evening stood at a height of 91.2 feet over the great dam. Everything had been growing less hourly since noon, and the flood was on account of it was anticipated in the paper mill district there. At Brattleboro, Vt., higher up the river, much damage was done by the water reaching the highest point there ever recorded. This, however, was due not to the size of the freshet, but to the fact that it was the first freshet since the completion of the power dam across the Connecticut, six miles below Brattleboro. Tonight the water was running 11 feet over this dam, and the pond had backed up so that the feet of the West River branch of the Central Vermont railroad was washed away and several farm buildings were flooded.

ADVERSE REPORT ON PUBLIC UTILITIES BILL. Tabled for Calendar—Made Order of Day in House for Next Wednesday Noon—Committee Unanimous.

Hartford, April 15.—An unfavorable report on a public utilities commission, otherwise known as the "public utilities bill," was submitted to the house of representatives by the committee on judiciary today. It did not take the usual course according to unfavorable reports in being as a rule rejected at once, but was tabled for the calendar and made the order of the day for next Wednesday at 12 o'clock on motion of Mr. Burnes of Greenwich, house chairman of the committee.

Mr. Burnes declared the committee was unanimous in its report, and he suggested that it be tabled for calendar and be made the order of the day for Wednesday next because in spite of the fact that the committee was unanimous in its report, it was reported it was desired to afford the members of the house an opportunity to discuss the matter to the fullest.

Has Fighting Chance for His Life.

Asheville, N. C., April 15.—Former State Senator Gazman of Pennsylvania, who was injured in the Kenilworth inn yesterday by jumping from a third-story window, was still unconscious tonight. Physicians state that Mr. Gazman has a fighting chance for life. Mr. Gazman has arrived here from Philadelphia.

Disabled Barge Towed to New Haven.

New Haven, Conn., April 15.—The barge Albany, which was run into by the tug Manhattan while in tow of the tug North America off New Haven, was brought into the harbor here tonight by the tug Robert Robinson, William and Vasco.

# Condensed Telegrams

It Was Announced in Pittsburgh that one of the councilmen indicted for graft has confessed.

A Bill Was Introduced in the Spanish chamber of deputies authorizing a loan of \$200,000,000 at 4 per cent.

The Government of Ecuador has checked a plot to overthrow President Alfaro and establish a triumvirate.

John Mitchell, Former President of the United Mine Workers, addressed the house at Harrisburg, Pa., at the opening of the night session.

The Directors of the Corn Products Refining company Wednesday recommended the issue of \$10,000,000 5 per cent. twenty-five year first mortgage bonds.

Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, administration candidate for president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, opened headquarters in Washington.

The Philippine Government has established a quarantine against Amoy on account of bubonic plague. Many ships carrying steaming passengers, however, are affected.

Former Deputy City Comptroller John Andrews of Atlantic City was sentenced Wednesday to six years in prison on his plea of guilty to stealing \$24,000 of the city's funds.

The President Has Appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Charles P. Norton, who previously was in the treasury department on the central committee of the National Red Cross.

Advices from St. Petersburg say that the negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria have reached a deadlock, and that the latter country may order mobilization unless Turkey speedily makes terms.

Henry Lemoyne, Who Was Convicted in Paris for obtaining money under false pretenses through allegation that he could manufacture diamonds and sentenced in default, having fled before his final trial, to ten years' imprisonment, has been captured.

The Heads of the Department of justice, the interior department and representatives of the interstate commerce commission in a conference at Washington to plan methods of coordination work.

A Political Amnesty Bill which was introduced in the chamber of deputies Wednesday authorizes the pardon of the revolutionary deputy Leroux, who was chief of the republicans at Barcelona to return from South America, where he is a fugitive.

Charles Mather Foulke, president of the National Society of Fine Arts, collector of antiquities, church architect and lecturer on subjects pertaining to the fine arts, died Wednesday night in his apartments in the Hotel Le Marquis on East Thirty-first street, New York.

A Cycle of Sunday School Lesson studies for all grades of churches, extending from 1910 to 1917, was completed at the final meeting of the international Sunday school lesson committee, which was held in Chicago last night. The cycle agreed upon will be sent out from New York within the next two weeks.

The Lower Branch of the Missouri legislature Wednesday adopted by a vote of 36 to 51 a resolution to submit a prohibition constitutional amendment to the vote of the people at the regular election in November, 1910. The measure is yet to be acted upon by the senate, and if it passes that body the governor's signature will not be necessary.

PROJECT PROBABLY ABANDONED. No Hearing on Charter Amendment of Willimantic Gas and Electric Co. (Special to The Bulletin.)

Hartford, April 15.—It was expected that the charter amendment of the Willimantic Gas & Electric company would come up for hearing on one of the afternoons this week, but the understanding now is that the project of this bill has been abandoned for the whole project. It has not been heard, anyway, and there seems no disposition to bring it to a hearing before the committee on incorporations, to which it was referred.

Under the terms of the bill the charter of the Willimantic Gas & Electric company is to be amended so as to permit it to merge with any similar company located in Tolland county, and the real purpose of it was to allow the merger of the Rockville Gas & Electric company, which is owned by Senator Allan W. Paige, A. M. Young and others of the gentlemen who used to own and operate the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Co.

The Rockville Gas & Electric Co. has the right to merge with other corporations of similar kind and to take over the assets of the company, the issuance of bonds to the amount of the purchase price. In other words, there would not need to be paid a dollar to the treasury of the company, but the new plant could be bonded to the amount paid for it and paid for with the proceeds of these bonds, which the state treasurer is bound to register under the law, subject to the action being mistakenly assumed to be some sort of guarantee of the value of the bonds on the part of the state of Connecticut.

A proposition of this kind would hardly be very popular with the present joint committee on incorporations, which is very strict in going over these bills, and the committee on the issuance of securities so as to provide against any possible watering to the extent that the law permits. Whether or not the Willimantic charter amendment referred to has been absolutely withdrawn or not is yet in doubt, but it appears that it has and that the sale of the plant there which has been expected to take place in the near future will fall through.

CANAL INSPECTION TRIP. Party of Seven to Accompany Secretary of War Dickinson to Isthmus.

Washington, April 15.—Announcement was made today by Secretary of War Dickinson that besides Major General Bell, chief of staff in the army, a party of seven persons will accompany him on his trip of inspection of the Panama canal on board the presidential yacht Mayflower from Charleston, S. C.

Mrs. Dickinson, Miss Edna Owsley of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Todd of Louisville, Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Ewing of Nashville and Lincoln Clark of New York, will accompany the party. The confidential clerk to the secretary of war, will compose the party. Postmaster General Hitchcock also may go. The secretary and his party will be in the attic of the house. It is supposed that he was mortally endangered.

FIRE IN BRIDGEPORT. EARLY THIS MORNING. Premises of the Electric Cable Company Doomed.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 15.—The factory of the Electric Cable company, in the extreme eastern end of the city, was discovered to be on fire at 2.30 this morning. The fire had obtained considerable headway and it looks as if the factory would be a total loss.

Suicide of Somers, Conn. Young Man.—Somers, Conn., April 15.—Following repeated threats to take his life, Walter Irish, 25 years old, committed suicide today at the home of his father by hanging. Irish had been assisting his mother around the house, but disappeared about noon. Late this afternoon he was found hanging to a rafter in the attic of the house. It is supposed that he was mortally endangered.

Southern Editor Appointed Bromley Foundation Lecturer at Yale.

New Haven, Conn., April 15.—James Calvin Hemphill, editor of the Charleston News and Courier, Charleston, S. C., has been appointed lecturer at Yale on the Bromley foundation next year.

# Talk of Raising Price of Bread

## CONDITIONS BROUGHT ABOUT BY CORNERING OF WHEAT.

### FROM FIVE TO SEVEN CENTS

Bakery Doors Closed on Account of High Price of Flour—Ohio Bakers Petition to Congress.

Cincinnati, O., April 15.—Simon Huber, president of the national association of master bakers, wrote today to Ohio members of congress asking their aid toward prohibiting cornering of wheat.

Mr. Huber said: "The bakers throughout the country will deluge congress with appeals for legislation forbidding gambling in the necessities of life. Five cent bread is a thing of the past."

In Cincinnati flour has advanced an average of about \$1.50 a barrel since Jan. 1 of this year. The latest advance of 16 cents a barrel was made yesterday.

NEW YORK CITY FACES SEVEN-CENT BREAD. Due to Rise in Flour—Looks Like Famine Rates to Poor.

New York, April 15.—With flour up forty cents a barrel in the local market and the prospects apparently good for a further rise, New York city is now facing the possibility of bread at seven cents a loaf. What will appear to hundreds of thousands in the poorer quarters like famine rates for this staple of all larders will be the result of the rise in the price of wheat. The ghetto of New York has already in some degree felt the effect of the buoyancy of the Chicago wheat pit.

Six cents a bushel is the price now charged by some bakeries while the proprietors of hundreds of others declare that they cannot continue selling at 5 cents much longer with bread flour of the better grades costing from \$7 to \$7.20 a barrel against \$6.60 to \$6.85 a few days ago. They add, moreover, that with flour so permanently up to the rates recently quoted even six cents would not give them any sort of a profit. Fifteen hundred bakers have been driven out of business and the necessity of retrenchment to meet expenses and two thousand others in various parts of the city are now without regular employment—the majority with some \$100 in all.

14 Ounce Loaf in 16 Ounce Pan. Minneapolis, April 15.—Bakers say that they barely come out even at the present cost of flour. They are now making a fourteen ounce loaf in sixteen ounce pans and are considering an agreement to reduce the weight of the loaf to twelve ounces. The price of the loaf, five cents, will not be adequate.

Bakery Closed Its Doors.

Waterloo, Iowa, April 15.—On account of the high price of flour one bakery closed its doors today. Others are considering an increase in the price of bread or a reduction in the size of the loaf.

Smaller Loaf or Dime for Present Size. Kansas City, Mo., April 15.—"A smaller loaf of bread or a dime for the present size of the loaf," is the slogan of an organization of the bakers of Kansas City. Howard Smith, president of the association, said today that the bakers of this city are now making a loaf of bread that has risen forty cents a hundred pounds in thirty days.

July Wheat Suddenly Drops an Extreme 4 3-8 Cents—Small Speculators Ruined—Sharply Shifting Fortunes.

Chicago, April 15.—It was a day of tumult and sharply shifting fortunes in the wheat pit of the board of trade today. "July wheat, following a docile advance to a new high level, suddenly dropped in price to the extent of 4 3-8 cents, and the day was saved from rout only by the vigorous exertions of the bull leader, James P. Patten.

Within the last fifteen minutes of trading Mr. Patten bought 3,000,000 bushels of wheat for fully delivery. The while he was buying he was selling and ran his fingers reflectively through the unheaven gray stubble which there had been no time to remove.